

Listening to and representing the views of her district, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) was named as the eighth most centrist Member of Congress by the non-partisan *National Journal Magazine*, in their annual 'Vote Ratings' issue.

"This just proves what I've often said - I vote based on what I believe is best for our district. It's not about Republican or Democrat ideas. It's about working to solve the challenges we face together," said Halvorson.

At a time when our country's political atmosphere has turned highly partisan, National Journal's finding shows Halvorson taking a moderate approach.

"I don't vote to support a partisan agenda - I vote for policies that will help those who are out of work, small businesses that are struggling to stay afloat, and veterans who can't access the care they need. I'm going to keep fighting for people in our communities, whether that means I vote with or against my party."

Released every year, *National Journal Magazine* ranks members based on a series of economic, social, and foreign policy votes that indicate how partisan their record is. Halvorson ranked near 50 percent on both liberal and conservative rankings, showing a tendency to ignore party ideology and vote based on listening to her constituents. Halvorson ranked as the 218th most conservative member out of 423 members who had enough votes to be ranked.

"Washington is broken today because we have become too partisan and ignored the best ideas in favor of political rhetoric. We must work towards getting past ideological divides, drop the partisan political rhetoric and work towards getting things done. I've fought for ideas from the other side of the aisle, like allowing health insurance to be sold across state lines and helping small businesses access credit. I'll continue to work to get things done for my constituents. My constituents, never my party, will always come first in my votes and my actions."